

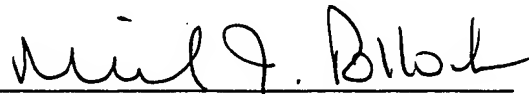
**REMARKS**

Applicant believes that all claims currently pending in this application, as originally filed and as amended above, patentably distinguish over the prior art. Therefore, it is requested that the application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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